

C.C.N.S.W. UK TOUR 2017 MATCH REPORTS

BATH AND LONDON LEGS

MATCH REPORT No 9: C.C.N.S.W. v CIRENCESTER C.C. AT THE BATHURST ESTATE ON SUNDAY JULY 30, 2017 : REPORT BY EUAN ROBERTSON

What an amazing tea. Compliments to the tea lady



A depressing result which took the edge off a magnificent venue and an even better afternoon tea against Cirencester CC at the Bathurst Estate in the Cotswolds. Skipper Greg Brooks won the toss against Cirencester captain and C.C.N.S.W. tourist Tony Wood (thanks Tony for your help organising this game). We batted.

Rain was expected throughout the day and while we were comprehensively outplayed, it tended to fall at the most unhelpful times for the Cricketers' Club, breaking batsmen's concentration, and making the pitchy muddy and hard to play. Tom Robertson and tour debutante Paul Nash opened. Nashy smashed a chunky six before being lbw for 9. Tom was cruising, even hitting a pull shot to the boundary (who knew !?) but was out to one of the ropier lbws you will ever see for 27.

John Fish (36) and Matt McCallum (39) gave us a solid platform from which to launch. Matt in particular went through the gears with aplomb. However rain and wickets fell at critical times. From 2-125 after 28 overs we just could not build partnerships or hit boundaries on a spongy, wet track.

Euan Robertson (5), Damien Langley (3), Ken Yardy (6) and Steve Kish (5) failed to get going. Then Nathan Reay fell to the team's first duck since the second game at Heriots, allowing a delighted Bruce Pendlebury to dispose of the duck vest at last (photo attached).

We finished on 162 off 40 overs. Defendable only if the rain continued to make life hell for batsmen. Murphy's law struck, the rain stopped, and five catches went to ground meaning we were (in technical terms) stuffed. Reay and Langley were smashed (0 for 28 and 0 for 26 respectively). We only achieved some control through tight bowling from Scott McCallum (0 for 32), Paul Nash (1 for 27) and Matt McCallum (0 for 15).

A fine bit of fielding from Matt McCallum ran out the dangerous Cirencester opener. Nash then took a wicket to a fine caught behind from Steve Kish who has been grabbing every catch behind the stumps. Except (ahem) an edge induced by the author.

But we did not have the runs to play with and were soundly beaten by 8 wickets. We will remember the venue and the hospitality for some time. Other events would be best forgotten.

The Team was (in batting order): - Tom Robertson 27, John Fish 36, Paul Nash 9, Matt McCallum 39, Euan Robertson (c) 4, Damien Langley 3, Ken Yardy 6, Steve Kish (w) 5, Nathan Reay 0, Scott McCallum 4*, and Greg Brooks 0*

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 9-162 (40 overs) (M. McCallum 39; P. Nash 36)

Lost to

Cirencester C.C.: 2- 163 (25.5 overs)

By 8 wickets

The Bowling was: - D. Langley 3-0-26-0; N. Reay 4-0-28-0; S. McCallum 6-1-32-0, P. Nash 5-0-27-1; E. Robertson 4-0-31-0, M. McCallum 3.1-0-14-0

FoW: 1-41 (P. Nash); 2-47 (T. Robertson); 3-125 (J. Fish); 4-133 (M. McCallum); 5- 137 (D. Langley); 6-149 (E. Robertson); 7-155 (K. Yardy), 8-256 (N. Reay); 9-162 (S. Kish).

The Fielding was: - Stumpings:- Nil

Catches: - One to S. Kish (w)

Run outs: - one to M. McCallum

MATCH REPORT No 10: C.C.N.S.W. v MALMESBURY C.C. AT THE WORTHYS ON TUESDAY 1 AUGUST , 2017 : REPORT BY EUAN ROBERTSON

Olly Wood looked particularly accomplished with 48*



The Cricketers' Club of N.S.W. (6 for 211) defeated Malmesbury (9 for 127) by 84 runs at the Worthys to get the English arm of the tour back on track. In a contest played in good spirits, captain Bill Blair (Snr) was invited to bat on (another) low and slow wicket. Ian and Lachlan Neil opened, the first of three father son partnerships for the day. Lachy played too early to be caught and bowled for a duck, while Ian was caught in the gully for 5.

Rob Bevilaqua accelerated the scoring with his familiar chunky drives before falling for 16, while David Byrnes struck some characteristic cut shots to make a polished 30.

Bill (Snr) and Will Blair (Jnr) combined to get the score to 100 for 4 after 25 overs - a good platform from which to launch. Both fell to catches while trying to raise our run rate - Will for 25 and Bill for 29.

This brought Tony and Oliver Wood to the crease. Olly smashed a six as his second scoring shot and the pair took us beyond 200 - a good score on a tough pitch.

At the start of the last over Olly needed six to bring up his half century. Father Tony (42*), clearly from the "tough love" school of fatherhood, smashed the first three balls of the over for 4,6,4 and left Olly with just two balls remaining. He ended up stranded on an aggressive and important 48*.

Will Blair (Jnr) took the new pill and immediately made inroads. Off his five overs he targeted the stumps and took 2 for 3. At the other end Joe Scarcella bowled without luck (0 for 44). Dave Byrnes was introduced and his relentless off spin tied Malmesbury down (3 for 14 off 7). Rob Bevilacqua came on at the other end and took two wickets - one to a terrific and nonchalant one handed catch by Tony Wood. Tony himself bowled 7 tight overs for 13, with Matthew McCallum coming on late to take a wicket. The highest partnership for Malmesbury was the last (40*) and we were unable to break them.

A terrific afternoon tea and barbecue was provided by our generous hosts. A win, a great day, and barely a drop of rain. Why can't all our days be like this?

The Team was: - Ian Neil 5, Lachlan Neil 0, Robert Bevilacqua 16, David Byrnes (c) 30, Will Blair (Jnr) 25, Bill Blair (Snr) 29, Oliver Wood 48*, Antony Wood 42*, Bruce Pendlebury dnb, Matt McCallum (w) dnb and Joe Scarcella dnb

The Result was (40 over p side game): -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-211 (40 overs) (O. Wood 48*, A. Wood 42*)

Defeated

Malmesbury C.C.: - 9-127 (40 overs)

By 84 runs

The Bowling was: - W. Blair (Jnr) 5-2-3-2; J. Scarcella 8-0-40-0; D. Byrnes 7-2-14-3; O. Wood 4-1-18-0; R. Bevilacqua 5-1-16-2; A. Wood 7-3-13-0 and M. McCallum 4-0-18-1

FoW: 1- 5 (L. Neil); 2- 7 (I. Neil); 3-38 (R. Bevilacqua); 4-62 (D. Byrnes); 5-101 (W. Blair (Jnr)); 6-146 (W. Blair (Snr));

The Fielding was: - **Stumpings:-** Nil

Catches: - one to A. Wood

Run outs: - One to W. Blair (Jnr)

MATCH REPORT No 11: C.C.N.S.W. v HINTON CHARTERHOUSE AT VARMONT BRIDGE ROAD, HINTON CHARTERHOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2017

Game cancelled by rain

MATCH REPORT No 12: C.C.N.S.W. v WEST END ESHER AT ESHER
ON THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2017: REPORT BY



West End Esher ground

Our second last game saw an early start for most as the group travelled from Bath to London and then onto Esher to play our good friends at West End Esher Cricket Club. The day produced fine weather and a deck that was fast and bouncy. We hadn't encountered a wicket like this on tour.

Our hosts did the honourable thing and let us have first use of the deck. We opened with Rob Bevilacqua (8) and John Fish (0) and were soon in trouble at 2 for 9. Damien Langley (58) and Paul Nash (43) steadied the ship and we began to build a decent total. David Byrnes (30) Bill Blair (Snr) (29) and Lachlan Neil (Jnr) (12) helped take the total to 8-198 after 40 overs and we retired to an incredible lunch supplied by our hosts.

After the break we set about defending our total and we didn't disappoint. Great bowling from Langley 2-7 Nathan Reay 1-15 Blair (Jnr) 1-24 and Blair (Snr) 1-17. With good support from Byrnes, Lachlan Neil, Rob Bevilacqua and Nash, the match was done and dusted. All bowlers took wickets and were well supported by some superb fielding. We retired to the club house and enjoyed the remains of afternoon tea with plenty of pints before the train trip into central London. Another great day at West End Esher. C.C.N.S.W. now lead 3-1 and a tie in fixtures between the two clubs. On to our last fixture at the Hurlingham Club.

The Team was: - Rob Bevilacqua 8, John Fish 0, Paul Nash 43, Damien Langley 58, Bruce Pendlebury 0, David Byrnes (c) 30, Bill Blair (Snr) 29, Lachlan Neil 12, Nathan Reay 3*, Mike Weaver (w) 4*, William Blair (Jnr) dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: 8- 198 (40 overs) (D. Langley 58; P. Nash 43)

Defeated

West End Esher C.C.: - 10-127 (34 overs)

By 71 runs

The Bowling was: - W. Blair (Jnr) 6-2-24-1; N. Reay 5-1-15-1; D. Langley 5-2-7-2; W. Blair (Snr) 4-1-17-1; D. Byrnes 3-0-8-2, P. Nash 3-0-12-1, R. Bevilacqua 4-0-18-1; L. Neil 4-0-24-1

FoW: 1-9 (R. Bevilacqua); 2-9 (J. Fish); 3-95 (P. Nash); 4-102 (B. Pendlebury); 5-137 (D. Langley); 6-177 (D. Byrnes); 7-182 (W. Blair (Snr)), 8-194 (L. Neil).

The Fielding was: - **Stumpings:** - Nil

Catches: - 2 to R. Bevilacqua; one to each of D. Byrnes, L. Neil and M. Weaver (+ one to sub E. Robertson)

Run outs: - Nil

MATCH REPORT No 13: C.C.N.S.W. v THE HURLINGHAM CLUB **AT FULHAM ON FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2017: REPORT BY**

The Cricketers' Club concluded their tour of the UK with their strongest performance in the 11 games to soundly defeat Hurlingham by 152 runs. The Hurlingham Club is the global home of polo and croquet, with amazing playing fields and facilities just 6km from the centre of London. The pitch was slow but good and the outfield was (literally) a croquet lawn and very, very fast.

We won the toss and chose to bat in this declaration game (between 100 and 110 overs are usually expected in such games). Paul Nash started strongly, before falling for 13 to a questionable lbw decision. Steve Kish also fell early and we were facing something of a rebuild at 2-23 after six overs.

Ian Neil and Euan Robertson began the fight back. Ian in his final game of cricket before retirement patted the straight ones back and flicked efficiently through gully when the bowlers strayed. He fell for 14. Euan looked good before blasting to cover for 27. Dave Byrnes then added a fine 31 including a massive 6 over mid wicket.

In came Damien Langley and Will Blair (Jnr) for the seminal partnership of the innings and possibly the tour. In just over an hour they put on a class 141 run partnership. Will looked assured beyond his years and only fell for a fine 68 when trying to accelerate the scoring. It was Langley's day however as he moved past 50 and then brought up his hundred. It was a classy and chanceless knock, mainly hitting the ball along the perfect outfield.

With skipper Nathan Reay making a rapid 27*, Langley brought up his 100 with a quick single and ended 110* off 138 balls.

We declared on 6- 304 off 59 overs. Hurlingham would likely have between 50 and 60 overs to get the runs. We deliberately pursued a strategy of mainly spin and slow bowling to get through as many overs as possible.

Dave Byrnes was superb taking 3 for 24 off 10 overs. He was ably supported by Joe Scarcella (2 for 29) and by the first change of bowling they were 3 for 32 with some good batsmen gone.

On came Rob Bevilacqua (1 for 57) and Euan Robertson (2 for 26) who turned the screws. Both were aided by some quality fielding (especially from Will Blair (Jnr)) and a diving catch from Dave Byrnes to get Euan a wicket.

As we neared the last hour of play, Hurlingham could no longer chase our score and instead set out to draw the game. Scarcella returned and took a wicket, then Nathan Reay closed the game out with two clean bowled dismissals of Nos. 9 and 10.

It was a quality team performance with everyone lifting in the surroundings of Hurlingham. All players enjoyed a few drinks in the beautiful grounds after the game and as the sun set on another tour, we reflected on what a privilege it is to play for such a great club at some of the best locations in the world.

The Team was: - Paul Nash 13; Ian Neil 14; Steve Kish (w) 1; Euan Robertson 27; Damien Langley 110*; David Byrnes 31; Will Blair (Jnr) 65; Nathan Reay (c) 27*; Greg Brooks dnb, Rob Bevilacqua dnb; Joe Scarcella dnb

The Result was: -

C.C.N.S.W.: - 6-304 (59 overs) (D. Langley 110*; Will Blair (Jnr) 65)

Defeated

The Hurlingham Club.: 10-152 (49.1 overs)

By 152 runs

The Bowling was: - J. Scarcella 9-1-29-2; D. Byrnes 10-3-24-3; R. Bevilacqua 13-3-57-1; E. Robertson 8-0-25-2; P. Nash 3-0-5-0; N. Reay 3.1-1-5-2; W. Blair (Jnr) 3-2-4-0

FoW: 1- 17 (P. Nash); 2- 18 (S. Kish); 3- 55 (I. Neil); 4-60 (E. Robertson); 5-113 (D. Byrnes); 6-254 (W. Blair (Jnr)).

The Fielding was: - Stumpings: - Nil

Catches: one each to W. Blair (Jnr) and D. Byrnes.

Run outs: - Nil

C.C.N.S.W. UK TOUR PARTY
(outside the Hurlingham Club London)



Back row: David Byrnes; Nathan Reay; Euan Robertson; Greg Brooks; Mike Weaver; Ken Yardy; William Blair (Jnr) Joe Scarcella

Front row: Paul Nash; Rob Bevilacqua; Damien Langley; Steve Kish; Lachlan Neil; Bruce Pendlebury; Ian Neil; Bill Blair (Snr)

Absent: John Fish, Matt McCallum; Scott McCallum; Tom Robertson, Scott Wells, Antony Wood; Oliver Wood